

## ABSTRACT

A METHOD OF USE OF A COMPUTERISED TRADING SYSTEM  
TO PROCESS TRADES IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The present invention relates to a method of use of a computerised trading system to process trades in financial instruments. The computerised trading system comprises a trading system computer apparatus (10); a plurality of client computer apparatus (11,12, 13,14,15,16) located physically remote from each other and physically remote from the trading system computer apparatus (10); and a telecommunications network interlinking the trading system computer apparatus (10) and the plurality of client computer apparatus (11,12,13,14,15,16). The method comprises the steps of:

(a) a first plurality of traders using the client computer apparatus (11,12,13,14,15,16) to send to the trading system computer apparatus (10) via the telecommunications network a plurality of offers for sale of financial instruments;

(b) a second plurality of traders using the client computer apparatus (11,12,13,14,15,16) to send to the trading system computer apparatus (10) via the telecommunications network a plurality of bids for purchase of financial instruments; and

(c) a trading administrator using the trading system computer apparatus (10) to:

establish a succession of time limited order entry periods during which offers for sale and bids for purchase can be submitted to the trading system computer apparatus:(10);

compare all offers for sale and bids for purchase made in a single order entry period at the end of the order entry period;

to match where possible the compared offers for

sale and bids for purchase;  
to record for each order entry period at least  
one benchmark trading rate; and  
to make available electronically via the  
5 telecommunications network to all relevant traders  
information regarding the offers and/or bids which  
have been matched, such information for each matched  
pair of offer and bid being sent only to the traders  
who made the matched offer and bid and such  
10 information including the identity of the traders  
responsible for each matched pair of offer and bid and  
the benchmark trading rate set for the transaction.

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